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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I cannot answer the question as to what the Government of India have done."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the confidential nature of the correspondence arose from the fact that the Government of India have imposed it, or this Government itself has imposed it ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been already answered."

Public Service

Application of Government Orders regarding unpassed men even to permanent officials.

* 1158-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the several Government Orders on unpassed men apply even to persons permanently exempted by the Government and appointed to substantial posts on the same footing as passed men before the issue of the said Government Orders ;

(b) whether Government Orders were intended to be applied with retrospective effect and whether there were any special notifications or orders directing the heads of departments to give such retrospective effect to the said Government Orders ;

(c) if so, whether the said notifications or orders will be placed on the table of the House ;

(d) if no Government Orders or notifications have been issued to the effect mentioned in clause (b) on what authority and on what grounds the heads of departments have been applying the said Government Orders and notifications to cases of men who were granted general and permanent exemptions by Government and confirmed in their appointments on higher scales of pay, years prior to the issue of the Government Orders in question ; and

(e) what are the reasons for giving retrospective effect to such Government Orders and applying them even to cases where the unpassed men were given permanent general exemptions, were appointed to substantial and higher posts, were confirmed in their appointments and were allowed to draw several increments long prior to the issue of the Government Orders in question ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) If the hon. Member will indicate more precisely the orders or the cases he has in mind the Government will be able to answer the questions. They are not aware of any orders of the Government or of heads of departments which would be correctly described in the language of the questions.

Statement showing the number of exempted unpassed clerks in South Kanara and some other districts.

* 1158-B Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing the number and names of all exempted unpassed clerks still in service after having passed the